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POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Final Determination to Close the Waverly, WA Post Office  
Docket Number 1386705-99039

Office of PAGR

Dear Sirs/Madame:

I am writing to the Postal Regulatory Commission to petition a review of the decision by the Postal Service to close the Waverly Post Office. I am making this appeal to the Commission on behalf of myself and all of the 97 residents of Waverly and the surrounding area who signed the *Petition to Keep the Waverly Post Office Open*.

I would like to request that the Postal Regulatory Commission review the Final Determination to Close the Waverly, WA Post Office, due to the fact that this closure was not done in accordance with Postal Rules and Regulations.

The Waverly Post Office should not have been considered for closure as it does not meet any of the permissible circumstances.

- There has been no incorporation or change in circumstance in Waverly.
- There is no available public transportation to access another post office.
- The customer demand has increased in revenue and revenue units in the last year, due to more business activity and growing population.
- The post office is in good working order with a current lease.
- The current postmaster has been at this location since 1981.

While the Postal Service appears to have followed the remaining discontinuance procedures properly, it was done without ever considering the Town of Waverly or the Waverly Post Office individually. This is evidenced by the many mistakes and fallacies in all of the Postal Service documents, and by the fact that the Postal Service felt that closing our post office would have no effect on our town. Waverly is comprised of mostly families. There is a town office, a volunteer fire department and a Masonic lodge in town. There are businesses and a big agricultural company in town as well. The Town of Waverly continues to make improvements and the town continues to grow, but it is the post office and a park that make up our downtown. To close the Waverly Post Office would be to close the Town of Waverly, as our main street would sit empty. This would have a devastating effect on the people of our town.

The Postal Service states the reason for consideration / closure to be the cost of the lease. The annual lease amount for this office is \$4,200. That is \$350 each month and includes all the utilities and trash service. That amount could not be considered to be above fair market value.

The Postal Service also states that it will cost \$10,067 each year for replacement services after the Waverly Post Office is closed. That amount is more than double the annual lease.

The Postal Service had no valid reason to close this post office, did not give careful consideration to the effect that this closure would have on the community, and will not be able show an economic savings by closing this office.

That is why I am requesting that the Postal Regulatory Commission review the decision by the Postal Service to close the Waverly Post Office and to suspend that determination to close until disposition of appeal.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Billington", followed by a large, loopy flourish that extends to the right.

Kim Billington  
Councilmember  
Town of Waverly